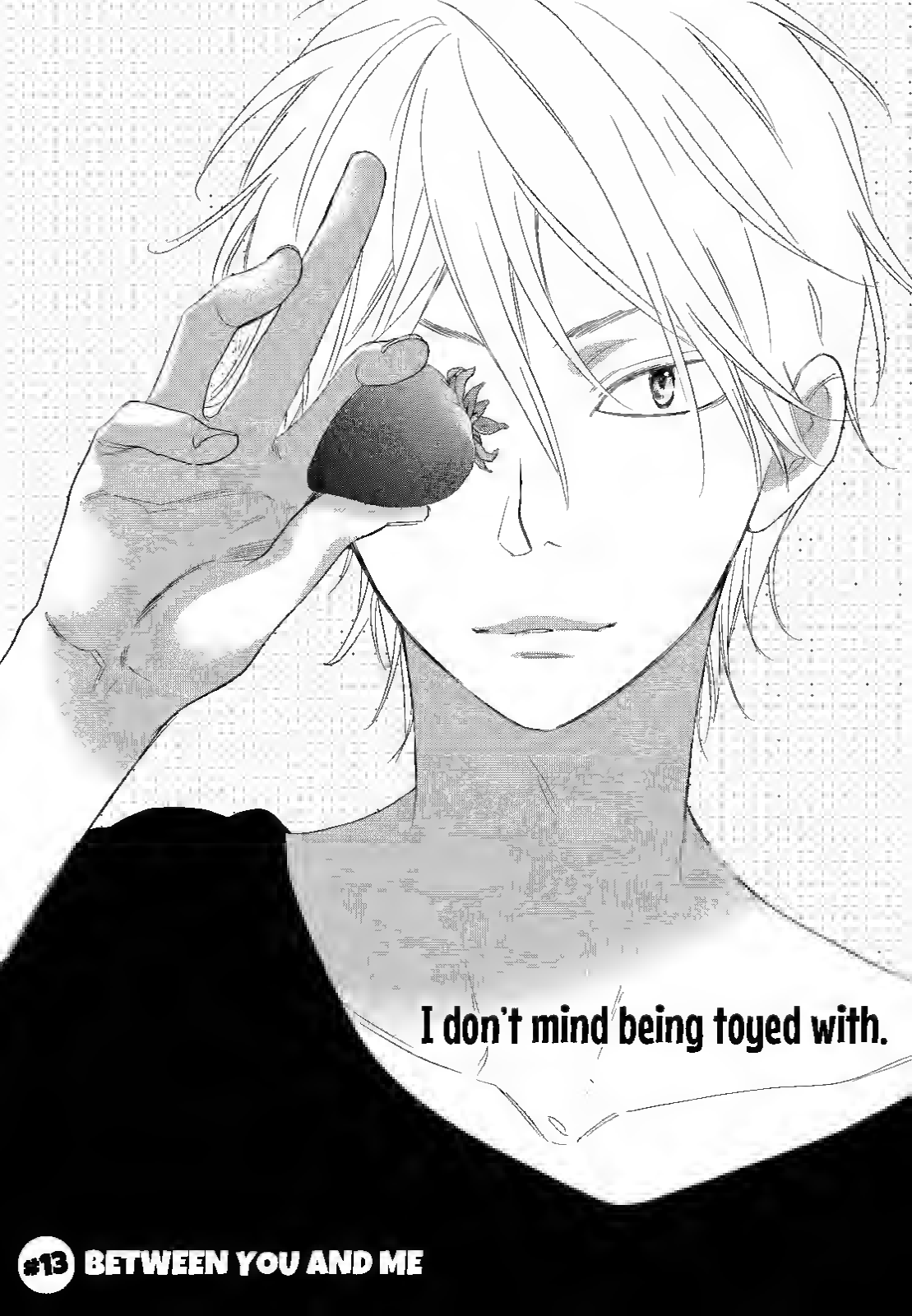
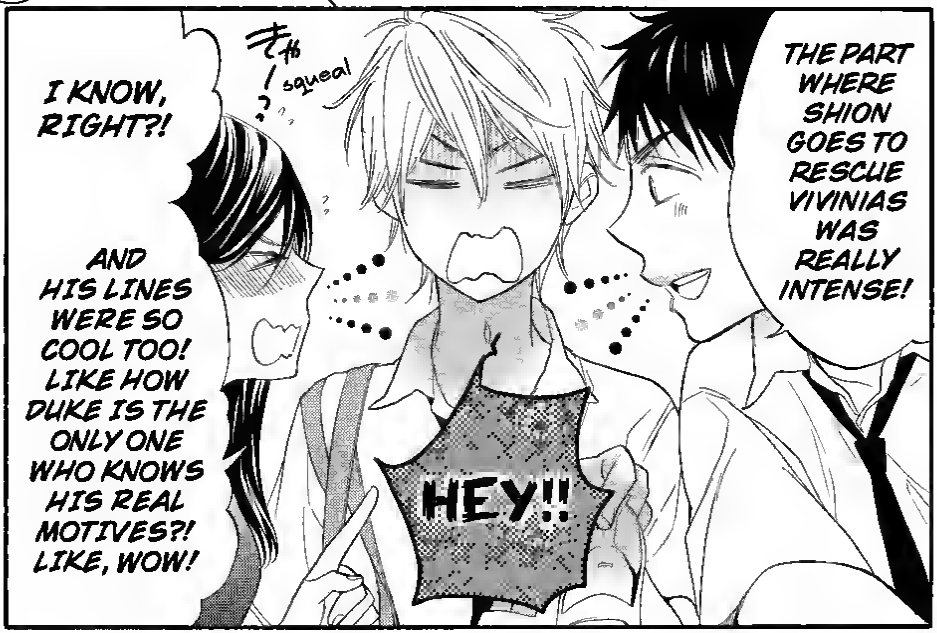


#13 BETWEEN YOU AND ME

LAST TIME: Feeling bad for inconveniencing everyone, Kae works hard on her workout regimen. Seeing her positive, gentle and bright personality, Igarashi falls for her all over again!!

Mirage Saga 5
ONCE I STARTED, I COULDN'T PUT IT DOWN.
ESPECIALLY VOLUME FIVE, "KUON'S PROMISE"!!
OH!! YEAH, I THOUGHT SO TOO!!
EH?!
YOU READ ALL OF THEM ALREADY?! THAT WAS FAST!


I KNOW, RIGHT?!
AND HIS LINES WERE SO COOL TOO! LIKE HOW DUKE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS HIS REAL MOTIVES?! LIKE, WOW!
squeal
HEY!!
THE PART WHERE SHION GOES TO RESCUE VIVINIAS WAS REALLY INTENSE!

SORRY, MAN...
AH... SORRY!
I was just so happy
DON'T TALK ABOUT STUFF I HAVE NO CLUE ABOUT WITH ME IN THE MIDDLE!

YEAH! YEAH!
OH, AND IN CHAPTER TWO...
BAM
GEEZ...
IGARASHI HAS BEEN LIKE THIS THE WHOLE TIME.
EVER SINCE THAT DAY HE STATED HIS FEEL-INGS...
CRAZY... HE'S KEEPING UP WITH SERINUMA WITHOUT MISSING A BEAT!
READING BOOKS AND WATCHING ANIME SO HE CAN HAVE THESE DISCUSSIONS WITH HER...
HATS OFF TO HIM!!
And then he just backs him right there!!
Y-yeah!

sigh
AAH...
BUT, MAN...

IGARASHI IS SERIOUSLY INTO IT!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. THE BALL TOURNAMENT IS FINALLY HERE!
Soccer (11 people
Volleyball (6 people
Softball (Girls)
Basketball
Sports Selection
AND SO...

LIKE EVERY YEAR, THE TOURNAMENT DISREGARDS CLASS YEAR BOUNDARIES...
WHICH MEANS !!
YOU CAN'T CHOOSE THE SAME SPORT AS THE ONE YOU'RE INVOLVED IN AFTER SCHOOL, RIGHT?
THEN I GUESS IT'S VOLLEYBALL FOR ME.
OKAY, THEN... SAME HERE...
AH!
NO! NO!!
EXPERIENCED PLAYERS WILL BE DOING THE SPORT THEY'RE GOOD AT!!
SO, NANASHIMA, YOU GET SOCCER!!
HUH?!!
YOU'RE NOT ON THE SOCCER TEAM ANYMORE, SO WE'RE NOT BREAKING ANY RULES!!
I DON'T EVEN GET A VOTE?!
FOR THAT SENPAI WHO'S ALWAYS PROUD! FOR THAT KOHAI WHO'S ALWAYS COCKY!!
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO SHOW WHO OFFICIALLY KICKS MORE ASS!!
ARE YOU ALL READY ?!!
WOOHOO

HUH?
EVERYONE IS COUNTING ON YOU, NANASHIMA-KUN!
WHA?
UH...
BUT YOU'RE SO GOOD AT SOCCER, NANA-SHIMA-KUN!
YOU EVEN TAUGHT ME HOW TO PLAY BEFORE!
C'MON! GO FOR IT!
blush
HE'S SO EASY TO FIGURE OUT...
I GUESS IT'S FINE THEN...
HMM...
THEN IF YOU WIN, IT'S A MATCH AGAINST OUR ALL-STAR SOCCER TEAM!
smile
GOOD LUCK!

HUH?
jolt
YOU'RE NOT GONNA PLAY?
NO, THEY'RE GONNA SEND OUT THE FIRST-YEARS.
BY THE WAY, SERINUMA-SAN, WHAT ARE YOU GONNA PLAY?
ME?
SAME AS MIYUKI-SHEN-PAI!
I'M GONNA PLAY SOFT-BALL!
AS THE CATCHER!
Although it's really baseball

食堂
Cafeteria
...
THIS SCHOOL IS WEIRD!!
MUMBLE
ぶつ
MUMBLE
ぶつ
WHY IS EVERYONE SO FIRED UP FOR THIS?
I MEAN, IT'S JUST A BALL TOURNAMENT, RIGHT?

DON'T YOU ENJOY FEST-IVALS, THOUGH?
OH, THAT'S RIGHT! YOU'RE A FIRST YEAR, SO THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME, SHINOMIYA-KUN!
EVERYONE WAS REALLY INTO IT LAST YEAR TOO! WE ALL HAD A BLAST!
SHINO-MIYA-KUN, WHAT ARE YOU GONNA PLAY?
chew
SOCCER.
After picking it out of a hat
MM.
GEHH!
"FUN"?! THAT'S JUST A ONE-SIDED MATCH!!
IT'S FUN 'CAUSE IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YEAR YOU'RE IN...
AND THE TEAM THAT WINS THE TOURNA-MENT FACES OFF AGAINST PLAYERS FROM THE OFFICIAL SCHOOL TEAM FOR EACH SPORT!!
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM AROUND. IS HE NOT AT SCHOOL TODAY?
NANA-SHIMA-SENPAI?
THEN YOU MIGHT BE WITH NANA.

I WONDER WHY HE DOESN'T PLAY SOCCER NOW...
I MEAN, HE'S SO GOOD AT IT ...
REALLY?
THAT'S RARE.
OH...
HE HAD TO DO SOMETHING WITH A FRIEND, SO HE'S ELSE-WHERE TODAY.
BACK IN JUNIOR HIGH...
NANA AND I BECAME FRIENDS THROUGH THE SOCCER CLUB...
SO WE COMPETED AGAINST EACH OTHER A LOT.
OUR SKILLS WERE AT THE SAME LEVEL, AND WE WANT-ED TO PLAY THE SAME POSITION...

IN THE SPRING OF OUR THIRD YEAR, THERE WAS A FINAL TEST TO DETERMINE THE POSITIONS.
ON THE DAY BEFORE...
OKAY...
TOMORROW...
DON'T CHICKEN OUT, GOT THAT?
IDIOT!
SAME GOES FOR YOU!!
BAM
NANA!!
BUT THE FOLLOWING DAY, NANA DIDN'T COME TO SCHOOL.

NANA!
A... ARE YOU OKAY?!
HEY.
I GOT DIZZY AND FELL DOWN THE STAIRS.
Heheh
THAT ISN'T FUNNY! LOOK AT YOUR LEG!!
IT'S FINE. JUST A FRACTURE...
NEVER MIND THAT. I HEARD THE NEWS!
PLAY YOUR BEST OUT THERE FOR ME, OKAY?
CON-GRATS!
.....

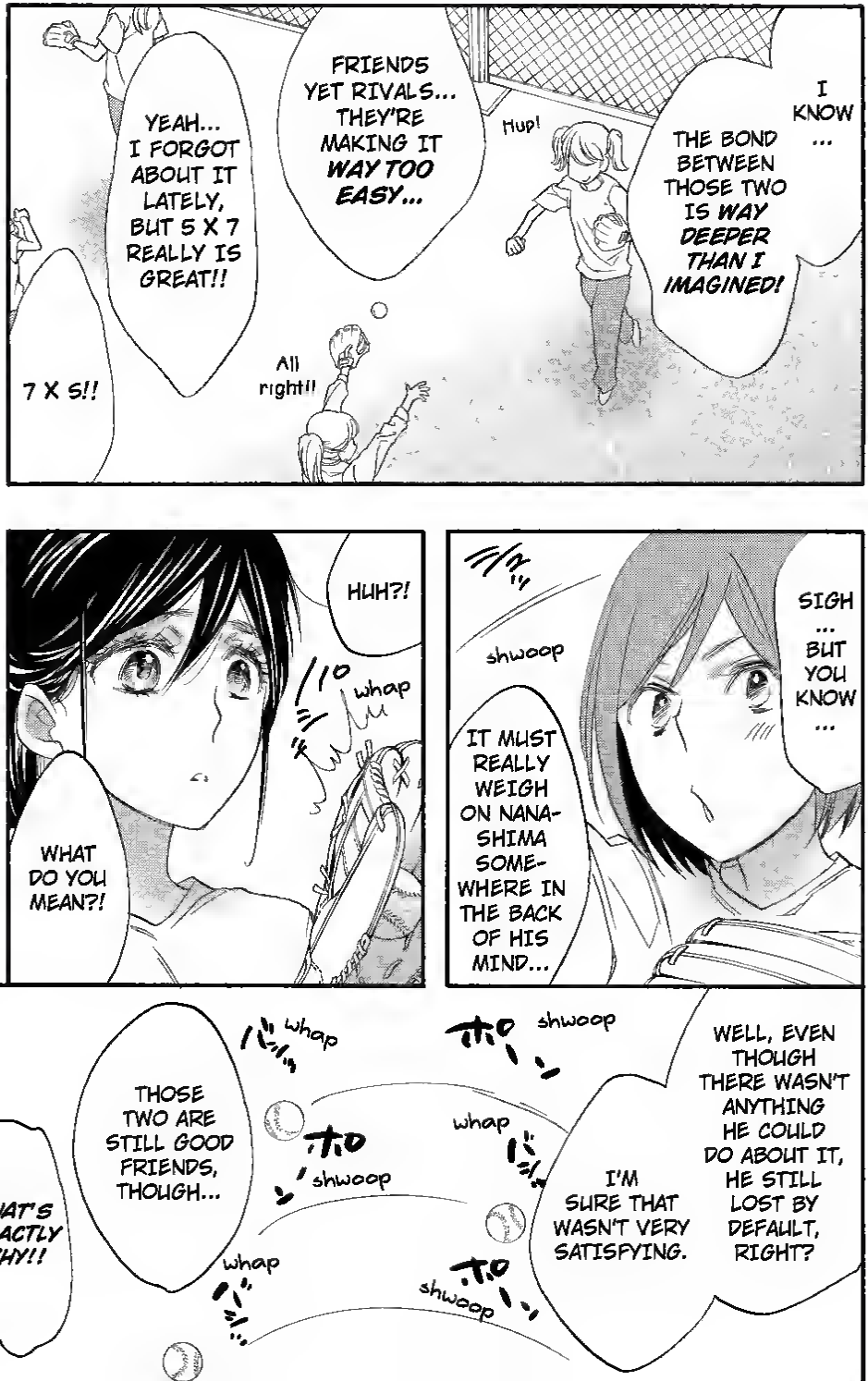
BUMP
YOU IDIOT ...

HE QUIT THE TEAM BEFORE ANYONE COULD SAY SOMETHING ABOUT IT... AND THAT WAS THE END OF THAT.
HIS INJURY FULLY HEALED, BUT...
AFTER-WARD ...
NO, NOTHING LIKE THAT.
C-COULD HE HAVE QUIT DUE TO A COMPLICATION FROM THE INJURY?!
I SEE... THAT'S A PITY.
WH-WHAT'S THE MATTER ?!
SERI-NUMA-SAN?!
UH...
WELL, IT WAS HIS DECISION, SO...

.....
drip
I...
IT'S NOTH-ING...
drip
JUST LISTEN-ING TO THE STORY, I...
ドキ-BADUMP
NO WAY...
SEN-PAI!
SHE'S CRYING 'CAUSE OF NANA?!

I UNDER-STAND! I UNDER-STAND!!
Just calm down!!
whisper
whisper
FLUTTER
KAE... WHAT A SWEET GIRL...!!
tremble
tremble
tremble
OH MY GOD! IT WAS ALL SO CUTE THAT THE TEARS JUST CAME OUT!!
Just tears of cuteness.

THAT'S BOYISH YOUTH AT ITS BEST!!
WHA...T DID YOU... SAAAYY ?!!


I KNOW...
THE BOND BETWEEN THOSE TWO IS WAY DEEPER THAN I IMAGINED!
Hup!
FRIENDS YET RIVALS... THEY'RE MAKING IT WAY TOO EASY...
YEAH... I FORGOT ABOUT IT LATELY, BUT 5 X 7 REALLY IS GREAT!!
7 X 5!!
All right!!
SIGH... BUT YOU KNOW...
shwoop
IT MUST REALLY WEIGH ON NANASHIMA SOMEWHERE IN THE BACK OF HIS MIND...
HUH?!
whap
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
WELL, EVEN THOUGH THERE WASN'T ANYTHING HE COULD DO ABOUT IT, HE STILL LOST BY DEFAULT, RIGHT?
shwoop
I'M SURE THAT WASN'T VERY SATISFYING.
whap
shwoop
THOSE TWO ARE STILL GOOD FRIENDS, THOUGH...
whap
shwoop
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY!!

GASP!!
WHIP
fwoosh
IT'S PRECISELY 'CAUSE THEY'RE GOOD FRIENDS THAT IT'S BURIED SO DEEP... IT'S ALL TOO CUTE I CAN'T DEAL!!!
YOU TWO OVER THERE! GO PICK UP THAT BALL!!
Take this seriously, will you?!
LIKE, REAL WORLD AMAZ-ING!!
AMA-ZING!
PANT
YOU'RE RIGHT. AMAZING... OH MY GOD!!
boing

shwoom
NICE SHOT!!
WELL DONE, MORI!!
IT WORKED 'CAUSE I DID IT LIKE YOU TOLD ME TO, NANA-SHIMA!
THANKS !!
YEAH!
NANASHIMA'S SURE GOOD AT TEACHING SOCCER!

コロコロ
roll roll
A SOFT-BALL?
WHOOP!
トン
bounce
WHOA!
トン
bounce
!
SERI-NUMA!
あぁ
Wow!
AMAZ-ING!
YOU'RE SO GOOD!!
SORRY! THE BALL FLEW RIGHT OVER ME!
HERE!
THANKS!!

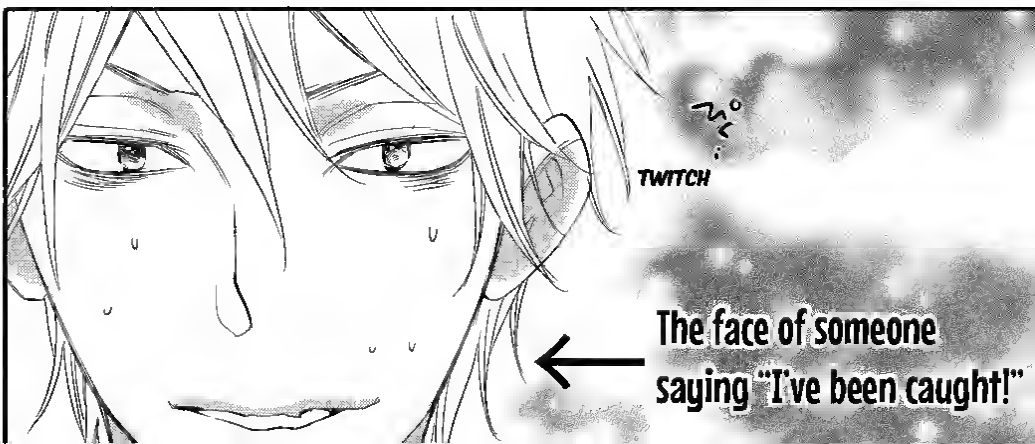
ドキッ
?!
badump
じっ…
stare...
YEAH... DEFINITELY 5 X 7!
BADUMP
どっきん
どっきん
BADUMP
grin grin
WHA- WHAT ?!
WHAT IS IT?!
The type who's not good at being put on the spot.
UH, OKAY! BE RIGHT THERE!!
WE WANNA ASK YOU SOME-THING!
HEYYY! NANASHIMA! COME HERE FOR A SEC!

IT WAS REALLY REASSURING WHEN I WAS LEARNING FROM YOU TOO!
THEY REALLY COUNT ON YOU, HUH?!
AWE-SOME!
GOOD LUCK!!

YEAH...
I...
NANA!!
JOLT

Ahahaha!
Ahaha!
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP
IGARA-SHI...
NGH...
I...

SMILE
The face of someone saying "I caught you!"


TWITCH
The face of someone saying "I've been caught!"

ER...
I SHOULD GO. THEY'RE CALLING ME!
HEY, SERINUMA-SAN, HOW'S SOFTBALL PRACTICE?
IT'S COMING ALONG!
IT'S A LOT OF FUN. HOW'S VOLLEY-BALL?
step step
SORRY FOR KEEPING YOU GUYS!
IT'S COOL.

SMACK
!!
?!
NANASHIMA !!

HUH?! WHAT ARE YOU--?!
Why are you even here?!
We have P.T. on the other side of the field!
I SAW YOU! WHAT WAS THAT LAME DISPLAY JUST NOW?!
HUH ?!

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU THAT YOU'D LEAVE THOSE TWO ALL ALONE ?!
WHAA?
THIS IS IGARA-SHI-SAN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT!!
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO GET IN HIS WAY, THEN GET IN HIS WAY SOME MORE!! THAT'S YOUR JOB!!
WHEN WAS THAT DECI-DED?!

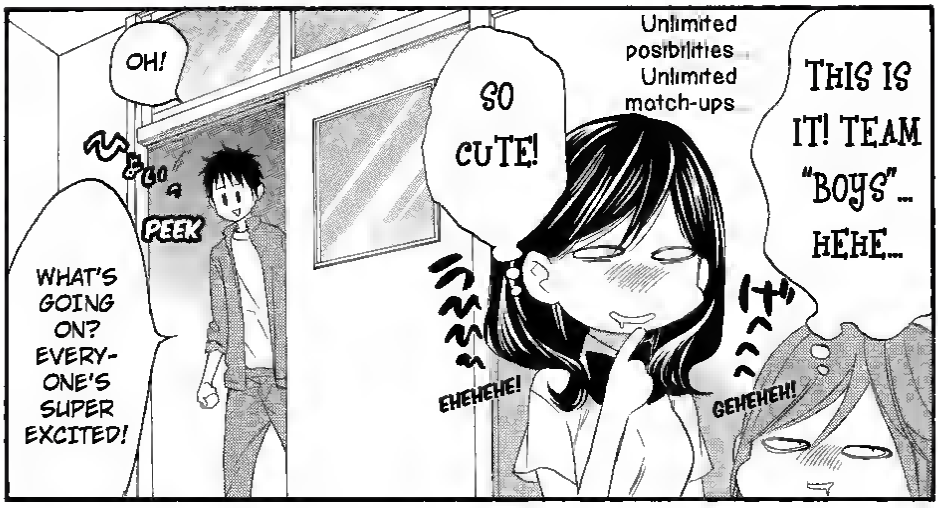
DASH
What did he come here for?!
I'LL SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE !!
WHAT?! FINE!
SHADDUP! DO IT YOURSELF!
What's going on?
Huh?
BOOM
OOH, SENPAI! HELLO-OOOO!!
WHOA !!
Why right in-between ?
WH... WHAT'S WITH THAT FIRST-YEAR?
shriek
shriek
Ow
FREAK...

THEN...
I'LL BE EATING WITH MY TEAM-MATES FOR THE NEXT WHILE!
See ya!
WAS WHAT NANA-SHIMA-KUN SAID.
WELL, WELL! HE'S SURPRI-SINGLY EAGER!
I really couldn't care less, though...
I see We play in groups of five
You're starting from there?
"Good Kids' Guide to Basketball"
AND ONE WEEK PASSED...
.....
WITH-OUT ANYONE NOTIC-ING ANY-THING.

The day before the tourna-ment.
YEAHHH! ☆
CHATTER
CHATTER
WE'RE SO READY FOR THIS!!
LOOKS LIKE EVERY-ONE'S DOING THEIR BEST!
THE SOCCER TEAM SURE IS PUMPED!
OH, TOTALLY!!

YEAH!
イェー!
GO MASTER NANA-SHIMA!
HEY! I SAID STOP IT!
THANKS TO NANA-SHIMA, WE'VE GOTTEN PRETTY DAMN GOOD!!
ALL RIGHT! AND WE'RE GONNA BEAT THE SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM TOO!
CHEER
わあ
YEAH! WE GOT THIS!!
CHEER
わあ
HEY, DON'T YOU THINK WE'RE GONNA WIN?
THAT'S RIGHT!
C'MON, NOW! WE GOTTA AIM HIGH!
DON'T BE STUPID, GUYS! THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE ...

YEAH!
IF YOU'RE GONNA DO IT, AIM HIGH!
LET'S POUND THE COMPE-TITION!
WOOOO!


OH!
PEEK
WHAT'S GOING ON? EVERY-ONE'S SUPER EXCITED!
SO CUTE!
EHEHEHE!
Unlimited posibilities... Unlimited match-ups...
THIS IS IT! TEAM "BOYS"... HEHE...
GEHEHEH!

YEAH!
OH? REALLY NOW?
IGARASHI! WE'RE GONNA BE THE WINNERS TOMORROW, AND THEN MAKE MINCED MEAT OUT OF YOUR KOHAI!!
OOH! I'M SHAKING IN MY BOOTS!
YOU THINK YOU CAN BEAT THE PLAYERS ON OUR SOCCER TEAM?
WHY, YOU!!

I WAS PICKED AS ONE OF THE PLAYERS TO REPRESENT THE SOCCER TEAM... SEE YOU ON THE FIELD!
HMPH!
AH! INCI-DENTALLY ...
SOUNDS GOOD! YOU'RE ON!

HUH?! SERI-OUSLY ?!
DIDN'T YOU SAY IT WAS ONLY GONNA BE FIRST-YEARS?!
IT'S ON SENPAI'S ORDERS, SO...
WHAT-EVER!
WE'LL STILL BEAT YOU! CONSIDER-ING THE SHAPE WE'RE IN NOW!
FOR REAL? AHAHA!
ALL RIGHT! WE'RE GONNA CRUSH IGARA-SHI!
WE WON'T WIN...

NANASHIMA LEAVES THE CLASSROOM.
WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT THE TOURNAMENT?!

TO BE CONTINUED IN the JULY ISSUE

#12 IGARASHI, I...

I THINK WE STARTED AROUND THE SAME TIME...

TO THE whistle

DAMMIT! YOU'RE JUST REALLY LUCKY!
SORRY, NANA, BUT LUCK IS ALSO PART SKILL, Y' KNOW!
NEXT TIME, YOU'RE GOING DOWN BIG-TIME!
Yeah!
OH, YEAH? I'M EVEN MORE SORRY 'CAUSE THAT'S GONNA BE YOU!!
SORRY, BUT THAT'S GONNA BE YOU!
UH, NO! YOU!
You!
IT WAS IN JUNIOR HIGH THAT WE FIRST MET...
OUR SKILL LEVEL WAS ABOUT THE SAME.

BUT ...
HE WAS GET-TING ...
BEFORE I KNEW IT...
WOW! SO GOOD!
IGARASHI DECIDED THE MATCH AGAIN!
FUR-THER ...
AND FURTHER AHEAD...

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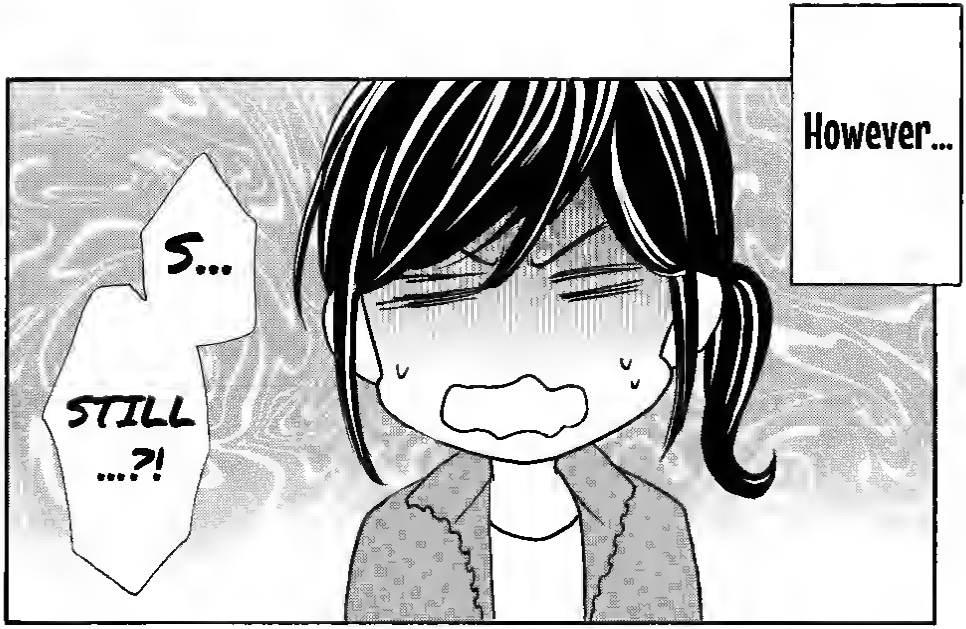
WHY BOTHER ...?
WHAT ?!
NANA-SHIMA-KUN ISN'T HERE?!

BUT THE TOURNA-MENT IS STARTING ...
Why?
HE'S NOT ANSWERING ANY OF MY MESSAGES FROM LINE, EITHER.
COULD HE BE SLEEPING ?
.....

WE WON'T WIN...
HE SEEMED ODD YESTER-DAY...
OH, RIGHT.
WELL, I'M SURE HE'LL BE HERE SOON...
Later
IGARASHI, LET'S GO!
HE REALLY DID SAY THAT BE-CAUSE OF IGARASHI-KUN...
HUH...
BUT ...
Yeah! Woo-hoo!!
Let's do this!
C'MON, KAE-CHAN! WE GOTTA GO TOO!
IT'S TIME FOR THE GAME!
TUG
UH, OKAY ...
WHOA!

Hit it out of the park!
IT'LL BE FINE.
WE'VE ALL BEEN WORK-ING SO HARD...
and make Nanashima cry home to mommy!
We're gonna win...
Juniors, beat the seniors!
tmp tmp tmp tmp tmp tmp
ZAAAAAA
Ahh! Don't just walk!
You don't even get that?!
Wha? Did I get it wrong?
SO SURELY WE'LL ONLY FALL BEHIND JUST A LITTLE.
Yeahhh!
Piece of cake!


However...
S...
STILL ...?!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!!
WHAT'S HE THINK-ING?!
WHAT THE HECK? HE'S SKIPPING THE WHOLE DAY!
IT'S NOON AL-READY.

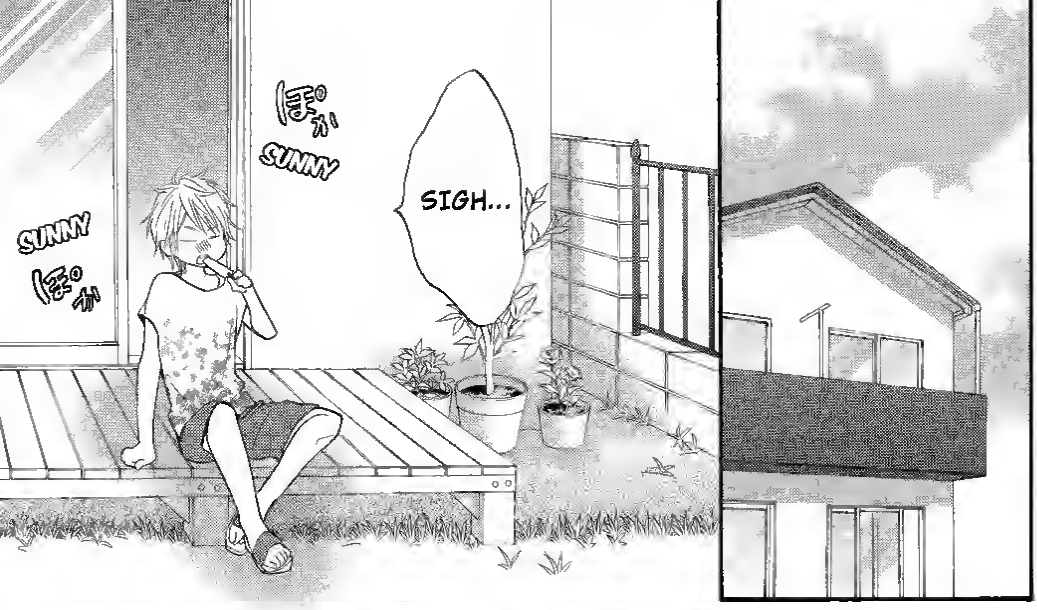
SO HE'S SKIPPING 'CAUSE HE CAN'T PULL IT OFF?
YEAH, THAT!
HOW THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN WIN?
THAT'S RIGHT! YESTER-DAY, HE SAID SOME-THING ODD.

WHAT?! THAT'S SO IR-RESPON-SIBLE!!
AND WHEN WE WERE ALL SO FIRED UP TOO!
THA...
THAT CAN'T BE!!
THERE'S GOTTA BE AN EXPLAN-ATION!!
HUH?
IF THAT WAS THE CASE, WE COULD AT LEAST GET IN CONTACT WITH HIM, RIGHT?
BUT WE'RE GETTING ABSO-LUTELY NO WORD FROM HIM!
Like if he was feeling ill or some-thing...
S-SO THERE MUST BE AN EXPLANATION FOR THAT TOO!
WHATEVER! JUST LEAVE HIM BE!
NO!!
I'M GONNA GO GET HIM!!

HUH ?!
EVERY-ONE, DO YOUR BEST WHILE I'M GONE!!
WHOOSH
HEY !!
KAE-CHAN!! WHAT ABOUT OUR GAME?!
And we're winning, too!!
DASH
ker-shak
THE BUS! NO, THAT'LL TAKE TOO LONG...
AND IT'S TOO FAR TO RUN THERE...
WHAT TO DO... WHAT TO DO...
I KNOW WHERE HE LIVES ...
LET'S SEE...
DASH

C-CALM DOWN...
UM! UM! UM! UM! NOT HERE! SOCCER! NANASHIMA! NO TIME!
A- ANYWAY...
あわ
あわ
PANIC
PANIC
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER, SERINUMA-SAN?
GASP
SEN-PAI?!
I HAVE TO GO GET HIM!
RIGHT AWAY!!
I SEE.
SINCE YOU'RE IN A HURRY, USE THIS.
WHA?! THAT'S ...
THE KEY TO MY BICYCLE.
shwip

SHEN...
SHENPAI...
GO! AND BE CAREFUL!
rush
MAMA-CHARI
I'LL BRING IT RIGHT BACK!!
DID YOU GET WHAT SHE WAS SAYING?
NOPE.
I JUST KNEW SHE WAS IN A HURRY.
.....
You sure are generous
WHOAAAA!


SUNNY
SUNNY
SIGH...

PERFECT DAY FOR THE TOURNAMENT ...
GREAT
.....
WHAT NICE WEATHER ...
slurp

WHA...
WHAT AM I DOING?

SCREEEK
SCREEEK
SCREEEK
NA NA SHI MA-KUN !!!
PTOO
WHY ARE YOU AT MY HOUSE ?!
WH...
SHOCK
WHY ARE YOU NOT AT SCH-OOL ?!!
WH...
wheeze
pant
wheeze
pant
BOOM
I'M HERE TO GET YOU !!
WE CAN STILL MAKE IT! LET'S GO!!
ka-cha
If you'll excuse me!
ka-cha
I... I'M NOT GONNA GO NOW!
I CAN'T!!

KYAAAA?!
SHOVE
EX-CUSE ME!!
※Pocket
REVEAL
Shinichi
Hey, where u at?
Kenshiro
You awake, man?
Shinnosuke
We're waiting for u!
EVERY-ONE'S WAIT-ING FOR YOU!!
YOU KNOW VERY WELL!!
WHA-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!!
LINE
Sexual Harrass-ment!!
tap
EVERYONE'S BEEN GIVING IT THEIR ALL, AND WE JUST HAVE TO WIN ONE MORE MATCH UNTIL WE FACE THE SCHOOL TEAM!
Hmm,
jolt

I'LL APOLOGIZE TO THEM TOMORROW...
SO JUST TELL THEM I CAN'T COME.
くるっ
turn
?!

WHY ?!
YOU'VE BEEN ACTING STRANGE SINCE YESTERDAY, NANASHIMA-KUN!
THERE'S NO WAY WE'RE GONNA WIN AGAINST THE SCHOOL TEAM, SO I DON'T WANNA WASTE MY ENERGY.
Y...YOU DON'T KNOW THAT UNLESS YOU TRY!!

I DO!!
'CAUSE I'VE NEVER BEATEN IGARASHI!!
Jolt
ハッ
?

GASP
.....
Tch
scratch
scratch
WHEN I WAS IN JUNIOR HIGH...
HE AND I WERE ON THE SAME SOCCER TEAM, AND WE OFTEN FOUGHT TO PLAY THE SAME POSITION...
AND... I ALWAYS LOST...
Meh
IN THE END, I'VE NEVER WON A SINGLE GAME AGAINST HIM...
UH, B-BUT!
THAT'S 'CAUSE YOU WERE INJURED!
... WHAT ?
YOU KNOW THAT?
UH... Y-YEAH ...
I HEARD FROM IGARA-SHI-KUN...

IT WAS A SHAME WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU...
annoyed
KER-SHAK
DON'T PITY ME...
IT'S NOT WORTH IT...
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT HAPP-ENED.

THAT INCIDENT REALLY DID HAPPENED BY ACCIDENT.
THEY SAID I WAS UNLUCKY.
BUT I THOUGHT ...
THE EXACT OPPO-SITE.
"NOW EVEN IF I LOSE, I HAVE A REASON THAT WAS OUT OF MY CONTROL."
"NOW I CAN RUN AWAY."
I...
DON'T WANT TO DO ANY-THING POINT-LESS ANY-MORE.
SERI-NUMA ...
SO ...
EVEN WITH YOU, I...

.....
DROOP
WRRR

I...I KNOW THAT...
BUT STILL, AT THAT TIME...
Heheh
NO!!
IT'S LAME HOW...
YOU'D THROW AWAY EVERY-THING YOU HAVE NOW ALL CAUSE OF THE PAST!!

LAME !!
THUD

THINGS THAT HURT, THINGS THAT YOU REGRET ...
YOU MIGHT AS WELL USE THEM TO MAKE YOU STRONGER!!
'CAUSE I DO!!
WH...
WHY ARE YOU TALKING AS IF YOU UNDER-STAND ?!!
THE PAST IS THERE FOR YOU TO OVER-COME!!
FWIP
Color pages
Trick
Momentary love
AFTER SHION DIED...
WHAT'S SHE TALKING ABOUT ?!
I USED THAT PAIN AS MY NOURISH-MENT... LIKE THE MANY "KAMIBON" OUT THERE!
Diligence
ker-shak
YOU WON'T KNOW UNLESS YOU TRY!!
BUT WHAT MATTERS IS THE NOW!!

SO ...
COME ON!!
I'LL PROVE IT TO YOU!!
WHAP
WHAT'S WITH HER?
WHAT'S UP WITH HER?
WHAT THE HECK IS UP WITH HER?!
I DON'T GET HER AT ALL ...
GET OFF.
BUT...

I WANT TO TRUST HER...
I'LL PEDAL !!
HONK HONK
HOOOLD IT!
HEY, YOU TWO OVER THERE!!
GLARE
YOU WANNA TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON?
PUTPUTPUT
RIDING IN PAIRS IS NOT ALLOWED! SHOULDN'T YOU TWO BE AT SCHOOL?
警視
POLICE

THEY'RE STILL NOT HERE!!
chatter
chatter
chatter
AH!
IS SERI-NUMA-SAN BACK?!
WHAT ABOUT NANA-SHIMA ?!
A POLICE CAR!!
screeck
POLICE
WHA?!
H... HEY!! THE FRONT ENTR-ANCE!!
WHA... WHAT HAPP-ENED?!
WHAAAA?!
BOOM

FOR REAL ...?
SO GLAD THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD!! WE MADE IT IN TIME!!
RIGHT ...
YOUTH IS THE TIME TO EXPLODE!!
Hic
DO WELL AT YOUR GAME, KIDS!!
Sniff
NOT AT ALL...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, OFFICER !!
BOW
BACK AWAY
UH, YES, SIR...
POLICE
警視
WE DIDN'T DO ANY-THING.
WHAT DID YOU GUYS DO?!
2-A
KAE-CHAN!
NANA-SHIMA !!
BUT WE WERE ABLE TO ADVANCE TO THE FINAL MATCH AGAINST THE SCHOOL TEAM!!
GEEZ!
...Waaah
わあ
わあ waaah
THINGS WERE TOUGH!
YOU'RE LATE, BAKA-SHIMA !!

I'LL PROVE IT TO YOU, JUST LIKE I PROM-ISED!
WATCH!!
グッ!
THUMBS UP
NANA-SHIMA-KUN...
Softball Deciding Match
BAM
2-A
1-F
0 7 0
Phew!
KYAAAHH
キャアアアア
Hold me!
Ni-shi-na!
STRIKE! BATTER OUT!!
Gosh! She's so fast!

step
Steal all the way to home base!
MAN, SHE'S REALLY GOOD...
WE'RE FACING NISHI-NA'S CLASS, HUH...
Changed clothes
WHAT A PERFECT POSE!
ICHIRO!
IT'S ICHIRO !!
STAND
*But unlike Ichiro Suzuki, she bats on her right side!
DON'T HOLD BACK...
BRING IT ON!!

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
THE PITCHER'S VIBE SEEMS DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE!!
SCARY !!
SOME-THING'S COMING OUT OF HER!!
Hmph
... BEAU-TIFUL !!
flip
vwoosh
HEEK! IT'S SO MUCH FASTER THAN BEFORE!!
SHING!

MISS
BAM
WAAAAAHHHHHHH!!!
I...IT'S A DEAD BALL!!
WEEK! SENPAI, I'M SO SORRY!
I threw it too hard
SERI-NUMA !!
IS SHE ALL RIGHT ?!

WAKE UP, SERI-NUMA!!
NA...NA-NASHIMA-KUN... DID YOU SEE ME?!
COUGH
Meek! I'm so sorry, Senpai!
YEAH! THAT WAS A BRUTAL DEAD BALL!!
B... BUT ...
LOOK
Whoa
flip
2-A
1-F
1 7 0
WE... SCORED A... RUN 'CAUSE OF IT...
... HUH?
YOU NEVER KNOW ...
HOW A "FAILURE" WILL TURN OUT...
Hmm
cough
RIGHT ...?!

THIS GIRL'S NUTS!!
TH...
...
ALL RIGHT!
THE SOCCER MATCH AGAINST THE SCHOOL TEAM WILL NOW BEGIN!
whistle

HEY, SO YOU'RE FINALLY HERE.
YEAH, SORRY TO HAVE KEPT YOU.
WELL, GLAD YOU MADE IT!

IGA-RASHI ...
HM?
TODAY ...
FLIP
YOU'RE GOING DOWN BIG-TIME!

SORRY, BUT...
SMILE
THAT'S GONNA BE YOU!
teehee
annoyed
HMPH...
AREN'T YOU PLEASANT!
OH GOSH, STOP IT! YOU'RE MAKING ME BLUSH!
boing
Baha!
IDIOT!

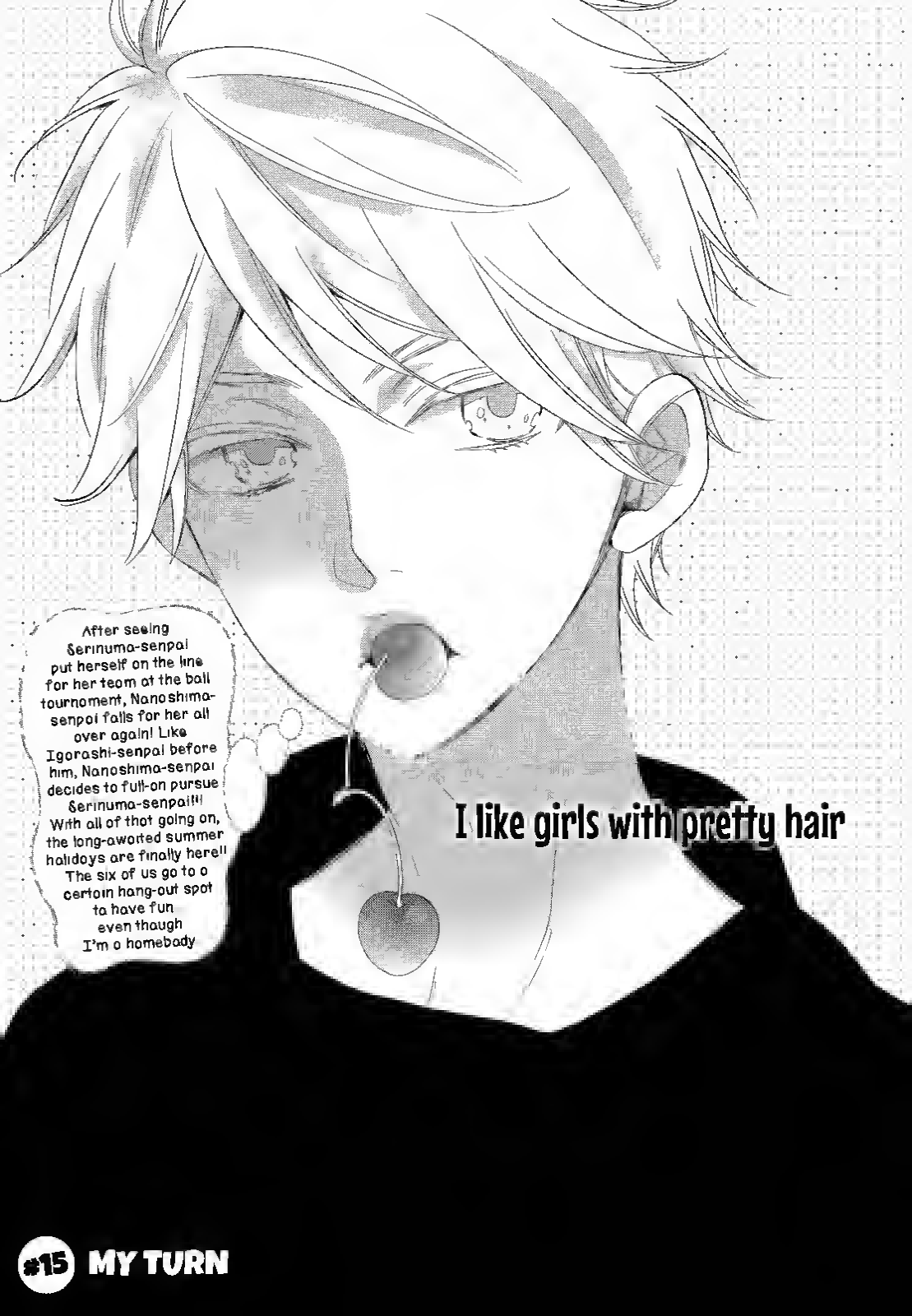
WELL ...
THERE WAS NO WAY YOU WERE GONNA WIN AGAINST THE SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM...
うん nod
IF YOU ACTUALLY THINK ABOUT IT...
うん nod

THAT'S WHY IT SHOULDN'T BOTHER YOU THAT YOU LOST BY TEN POINTS!! YUP!
SHADDUP! I DON'T WANNA BE CONSOLED BY SOMEONE WHO LOST THEIR VERY FIRST MATCH!
SCORE 10-0
No mercy
pat
HEY! I WAS JUST TRYING TO HELP!
Shaddup dimwit!
ptoo ptoo
WE LOST OUR FIRST MATCH TOO.
Why ?
← Mainly his fault
Wow! Crazy!
SORRY FOR BEING SO STRONG, NANA! ♡

STRONG...
AND ARRO-GANT.
THAT'S THE TYPE OF PERSON I LIKE MOST, Y'KNOW?
THA ...
THAT'S SHION'S LINE!!
YUP!
AMAZING!! YOU'RE SO SIMILAR TO HIM!! SO COOL!!
GAAAH!
You're Shion in 3-D!!
Hmph
YEAH, I GUESS!

SORRY, IGA-RASHI, BUT...
THIS IS THE ONE MATCH ...
grin
にやぁ〜り

I'M NEVER GONNA BACK DOWN FROM!!
As for the bicycle... After the tournament, Kae went to Nanashima's house (where she left the bicycle) to take it back.
TO BE CONTINUED IN the AUGUST issue


After seeing Serinuma-senpai put herself on the line for her team at the ball tournament, Nanoshima-senpai falls for her all over again! Like Igarashi-senpai before him, Nanoshima-senpai decides to full-on pursue Serinuma-senpai!!! With all of that going on, the long-awaited summer holidays are finally here!! The six of us go to a certain hang-out spot to have fun even though I'm a homebody
I like girls with pretty hair

#15 MY TURN

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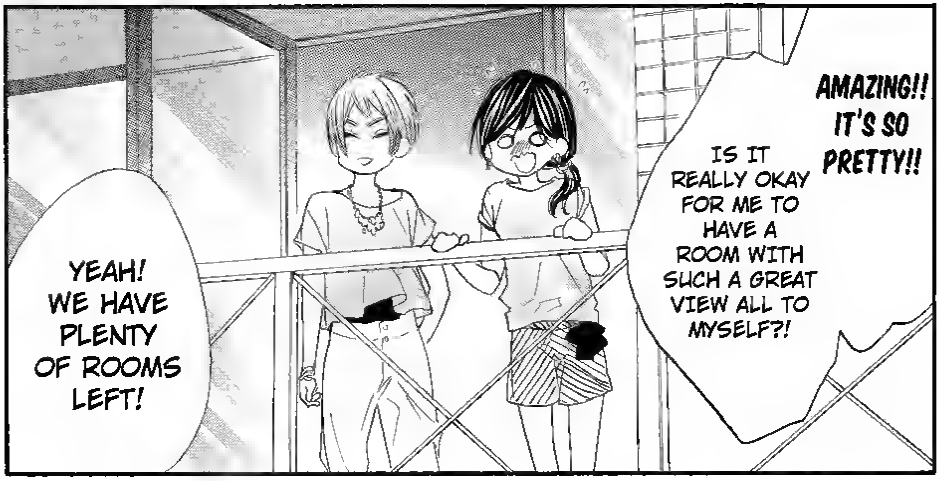
WOW!!
IT'S GOR-GEOUS ...!!

SUMMER VACATION.
WE WERE ALL INVITED TO SHIMA-CHAN'S FAMILY COTTAGE.
IT'S A BIT SEPARATED FROM THE BEACH, BUT THAT'S ALSO WHY IT'S QUIET...
AND THERE ARE NO BUILDINGS AROUND EITHER.


AMAZING!! IT'S SO PRETTY!!
IS IT REALLY OKAY FOR ME TO HAVE A ROOM WITH SUCH A GREAT VIEW ALL TO MYSELF?!
YEAH! WE HAVE PLENTY OF ROOMS LEFT!

Meanwhile...
SO...

L-LET'S QUICKLY GET READY AND HEAD FOR THE BEACH!!
squeal
YEAH!! SOUNDS FUN!!
squeal

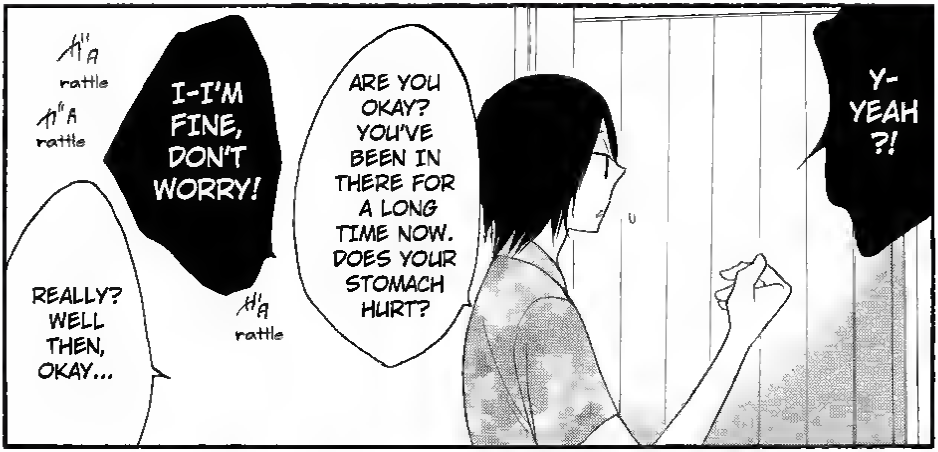
WHY DO WE ALL HAVE TO SHARE ONE ROOM?!
And even the bathroom!
NOW, NOW!
DON'T COMPLAIN WHEN YOU HAVE A PLACE TO STAY!

WELL, I THINK THAT'S WHY WE GOT A ROOM FOR FOUR PEOPLE.
Besides, that wouldn't happen on my watch!
BUT IT'S HARD TO STEAL AWAY WITH THE GIRL LIKE THIS!!
わぁっ
RAWR!
DAMMIT!!

I WAS WITH A GIRL I LIKED TOGETHER UNDERNEATH ONE ROOF UNTIL THE MORNING ...!!
MY FIRST TRIP...
DURING SUMMER VACATION ...

Don't say "dammit" over that, idiot!
Whatever!
STARE
gangly
TURN
gangly
FWIP

gloom
THIS WON'T DO...!!
SIGH...
I'D RATHER STAY HOME DURING THE SUMMER!!
I'M NOT AN OUT-DOORSY GUY!
I'M PASTY WHITE AND STICK THIN...!!
I HATE THE BEACH!
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME...
knock
knock
SHINO-MIYA-KUN?
jolt


Y-YEAH?!
ARE YOU OKAY? YOU'VE BEEN IN THERE FOR A LONG TIME NOW. DOES YOUR STOMACH HURT?
I-I'M FINE, DON'T WORRY!
rattle
rattle
rattle
REALLY? WELL THEN, OKAY...

BANG
I'M NOT!!
Whoo!
HEY! ARE YOU TAKING A DUMP? DON'T HOG THE BATHROOM!

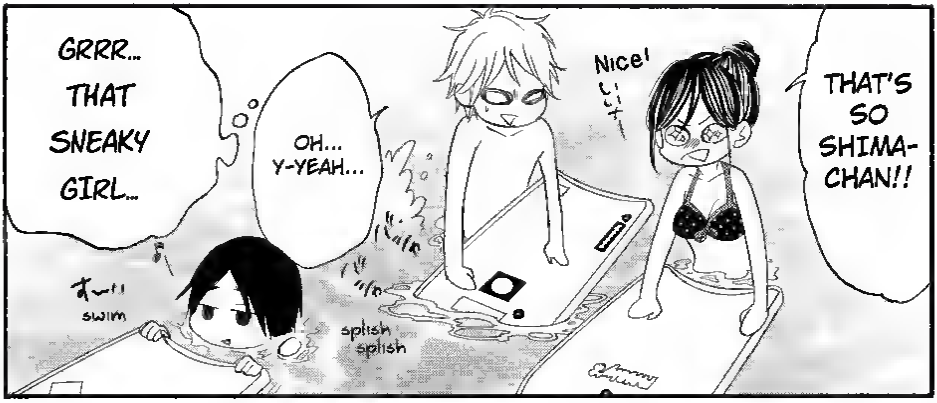
clap clap
C'MON, GUYS! LET'S GET A MOVE ON!
Are we in preschool or something?
I TOLD YOU, THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS DOING!
HAHA! DID YOU GET TO DROP A LOT OF BOMBS?
Gyahaha!
YOU REALLY HAVE NO TACT!!

THE OCEAN! ♡

WHOOOOOAAAAA!!!
THANK YOU, BEACH! THANK YOU, SUMMER!!
bounce bounce
SO... CUTE!!
boing
HEY, YOU GUYS!
WANNA TRY BODY-BOARDING OVER THERE?
OHH!
SURFING FOR ME! IT'S BEEN A WHILE!!
THERE'S A PLACE TO RENT BOARDS!
For either activity!
ME TOO!
UH!

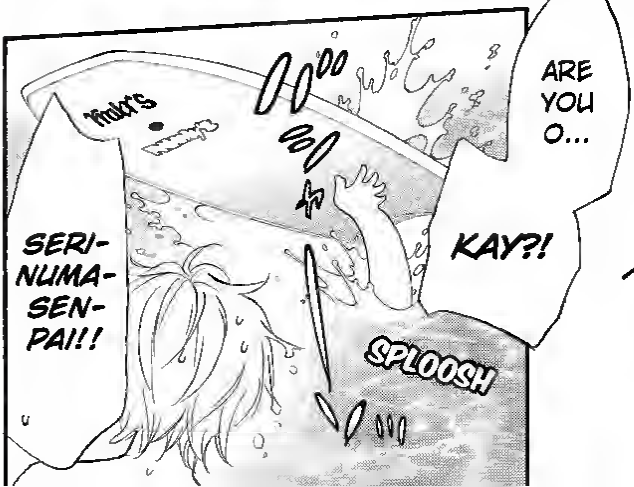
I...I'VE NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE...
NEITHER HAVE I!
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE BOTH BEGINNERS!! LET'S HELP EACH OTHER OUT!!
BADUMP
OH, I'VE NEVER DONE IT EITHER.
Are you listening?
I...
sha-shaa
TAKE BACK WHAT I SAID!!

WHOOSH
WHOA!!
SO COOL!!
TOKI


GRRR... THAT SNEAKY GIRL...
OH... Y-YEAH...
Nice!
THAT'S SO SHIMA-CHAN!!
swim
splish splish

SPLOOSH
WHOA!!
SHINO-MIYA-KUN!!

L-LIKE THI-...
-IIIS ...
WHOA!
wobble
W-WELL, I CAN DO THAT TOO...
IF I CAN JUST HOLD MY POSTURE ...
wobble


ARE YOU O...
KAY?!
SPLOOSH
SERI-NUMA-SEN-PAI!!

I...I LOOK SO STUPID ...!!
blush

DID YOU SWALLOW ANY WATER?
I-I'M FINE, THANKS!
ER...
SHINO-MIYA-KUN!! YOU HAVE SEAWEED ON YOUR HEAD!!
HUH?
SE-SENPAI, SO DO YOU!!
OH!
HUH?
HUH?
HEY...
... AHAHA!!
YOU'RE RIGHT! WE MATCH!!
THIS IS REALLY GREAT!!
BEING WITH SENPAI LIKE THIS...
IT MIGHT ACTUALLY BE BETTER THAT I CAN'T DO THIS STUFF!!
LOOK! LOOK!!
EEEK!

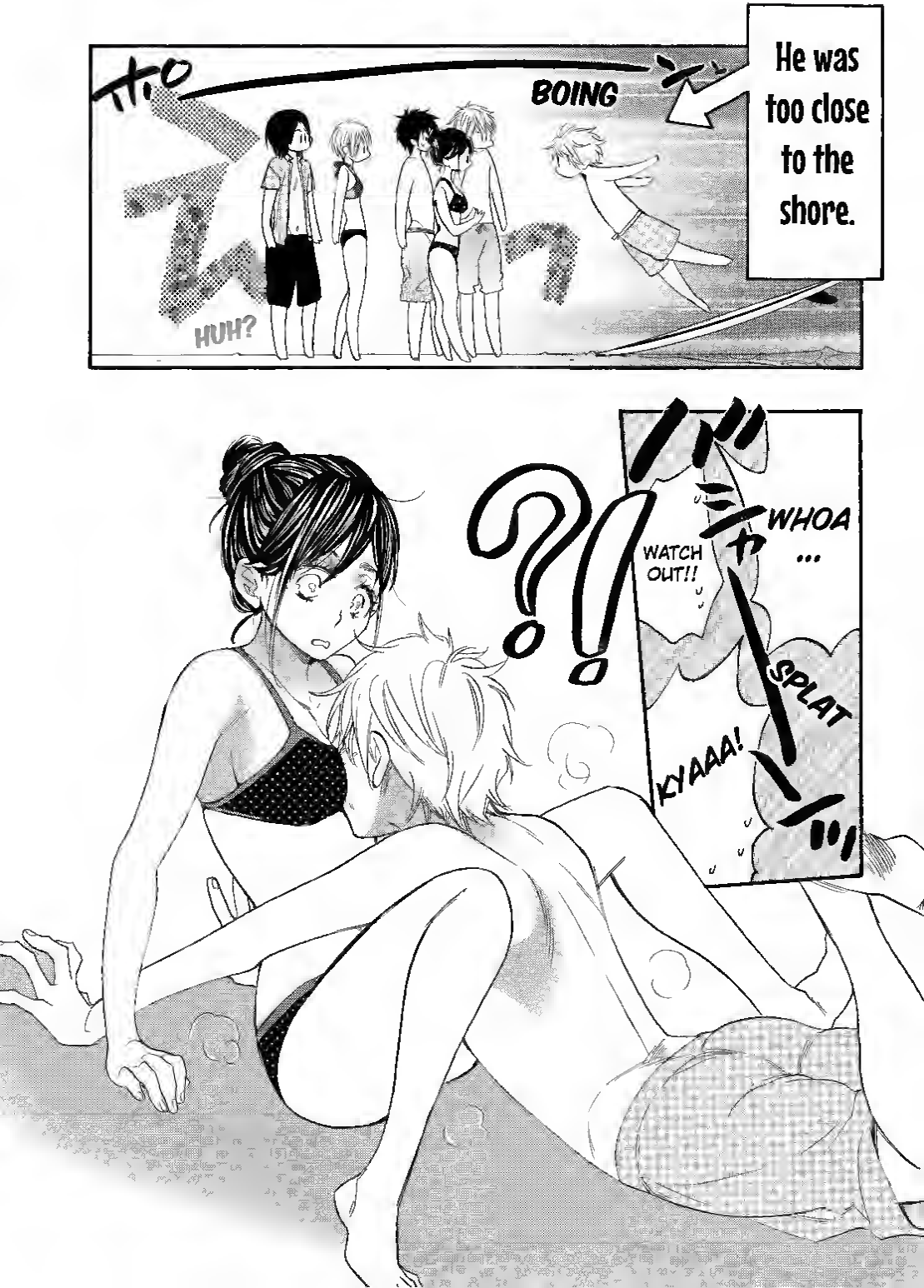
FWOOSH
WHOOM

EEEEEK!
SOOO HOT!!
EEEK!
EEEK!
slip
WOW!!
smug
PHEW...
THAT WAS AMAZING! YOU GUYS LOOK LIKE PROS!!
SO GOOD!
AW...
DAMN!!
SQUEAL
SUCH NICE BODIES! THEIR ABS ARE SO HOT!
OH MY GOD! THOSE TWO ARE SUCH HOTTIES!!

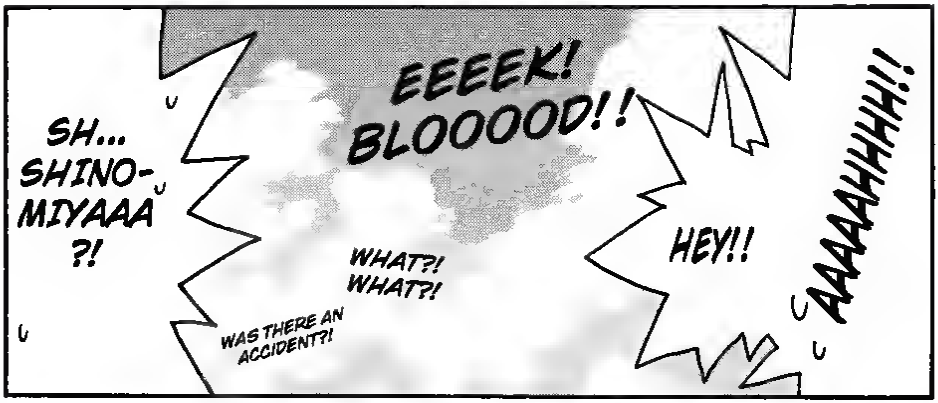
HUH?!
UH!
YANK
NANA-SHIMA-SEN-PAI,
LEND ME YOUR BOARD!!
THIS IS NO TIME TO HAVE SEAWEED ON MY HEAD!!
toss
H-HEY!!
SPLASH
SPLASH
DASH
SPLASH
HEY! YOU'RE NOT GONNA BE ABLE TO DO IT WITHOUT PRACTICE!!
IS HE PLANNING ON CATCHING A WAVE?
Challenger
I'M...
GONNA DO IT!
SPLASH

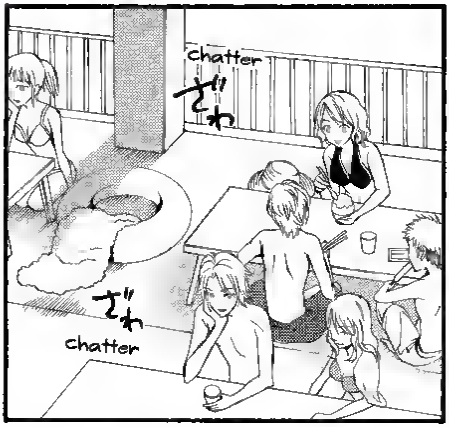
I'M GONNA SHOW THEM THE COOL SIDE OF ME!!
GRIP!!
I...I'M UP!! I'M UP ON MY TWO FEET!!
AHH!!
BOOM

AMAZ-ING, SHINO-MIYA-KUN!
YOU'RE RIDING THE WAVE!!
I DID IT ...!!
ぽち clap
ぽち
ぽち clap clap
WHOOSH
I DID IT... I REALLY DID IT!!
WHOOSH
LOOK AT ME, SERINUMA-SENPAI!!
WHOOSH
BANG


He was too close to the shore.
BOING
HUH?
?!
WHOA...
WATCH OUT!!
SPLAT
KYAAA!

YANK
GET OFF !!
Y... YOU !!
SPLURT
WHO?!


SH... SHINO-MIYAAA?!
EEEEK! BLOOOOD!!
WHAT?! WHAT?!
WAS THERE AN ACCIDENT?!
HEY!!
AAAAAHHHH!!


chatter
ざわ
ざわ
chatter

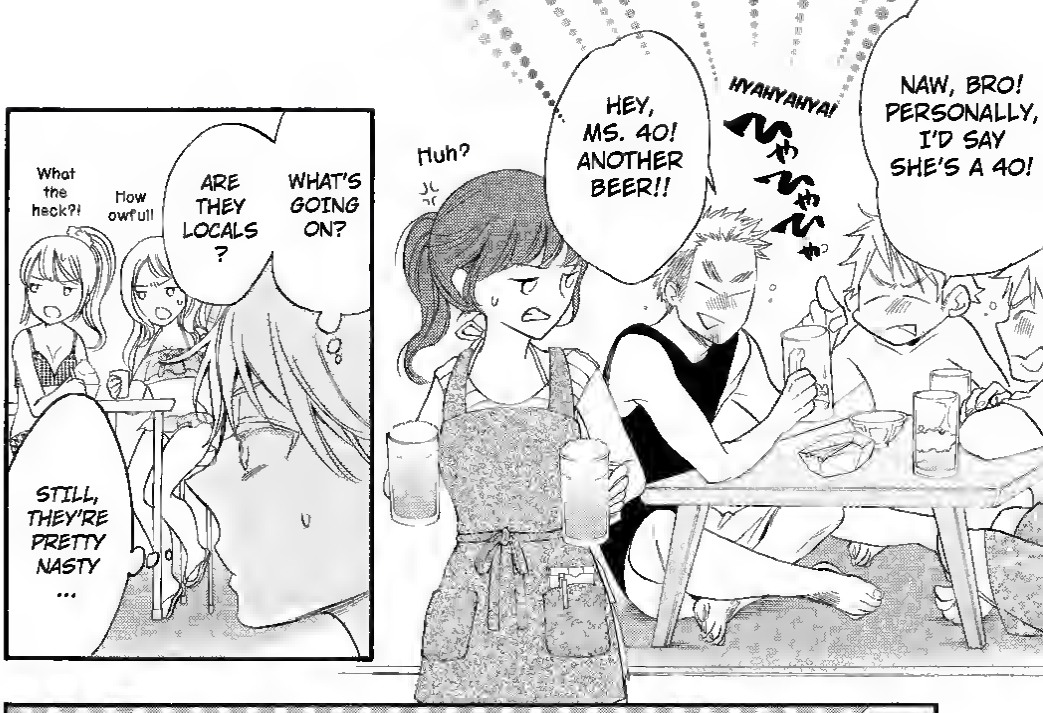
*Inner tube, parasol, and boat rental
ヤソー
うきわ
パラソル
ボート
Beach House
海の家
Draft Beer
生ビール
ソース
焼そば
ラーメン
*Yakisoba with Sauce
*Ramen

SORRY ...!!
I'M... TRU-LY...

SORRY! SORRY!
SORRY! SORRY!
SORRY! SORRY!
SORRY! SORRY!
SORRY! SORRY!
SORRY! SORRY!
SORRY! SORRY!
SORRY! SORRY!
CUT IT OUT!
This is the second time, y'know?!
YOU'RE PRACTICALLY A PERVERT, MAN!!
Y...YOU DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE, SO IT'S OKAY!
IT'S ALL RIGHT! YOU CAN GET UP NOW!

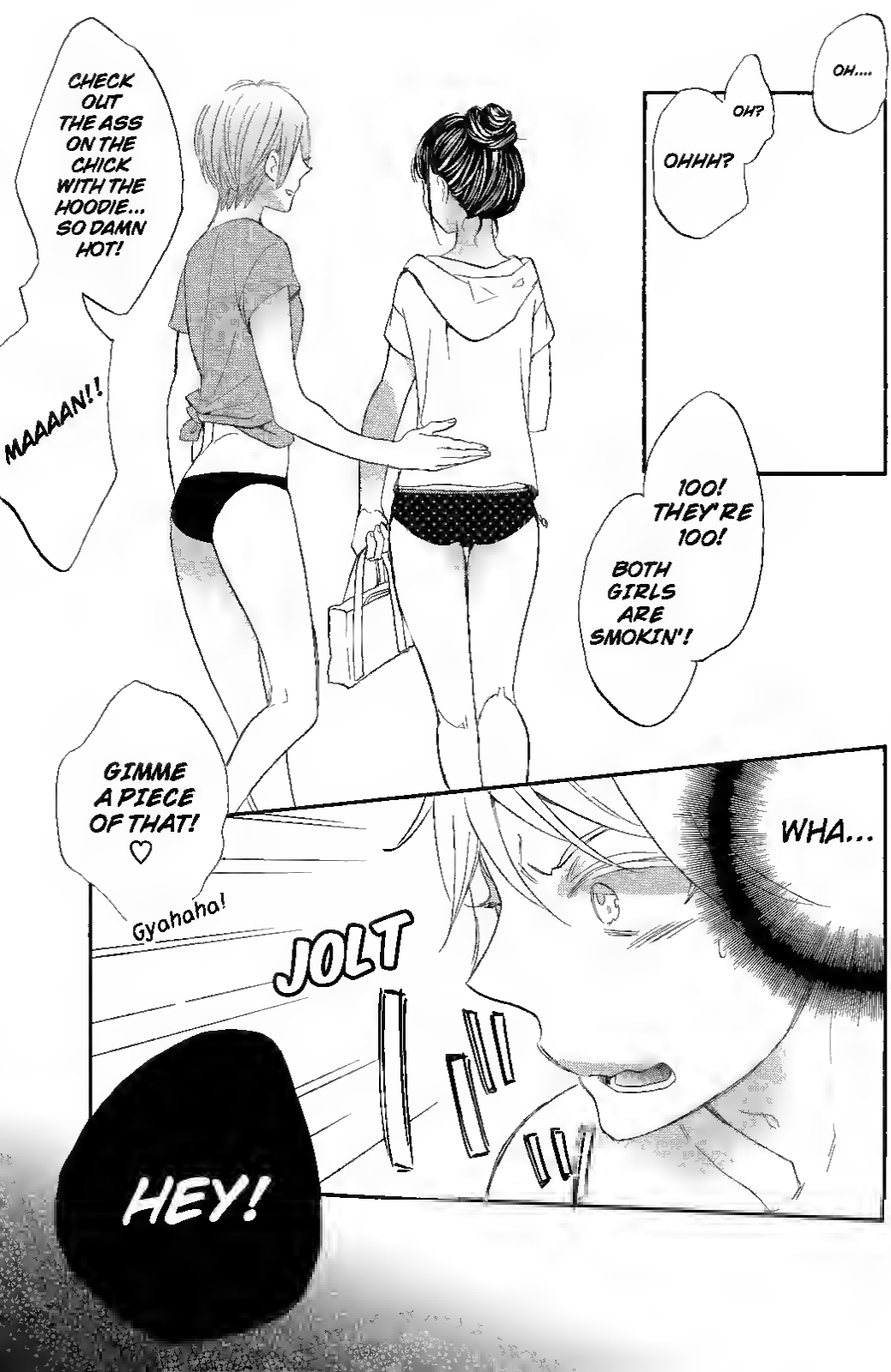
HAVE YOUR LUNCH ALREADY, OKAY?
IF SERI-NUMA-SAN HAS ALREADY FORGIVEN HIM, THEN NOTHING ELSE NEEDS TO BE SAID.
YOU'RE WAY TOO LENIENT, MUTSUMI-SAN!
UH...
EAT, SHINO-MIYA-KUN!
THEN LET'S ALL PLAY BEACH VOLLEY-BALL!
SOUND GOOD?
Smile

U...UUUUH...
SHE'S AN ANGEL...!!
SHE...
SHEN-PAI...!!
quiver
quiver
WHY ARE YOU CRY-ING?!
OHH, DOES YOUR STOMACH HURT? GO TO THE BATH-ROOM!
TH-THAT'S NOT IT!
I MEAN, YOU HAD IT ROUGH THIS MORNING.
HUH? WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?
I TOLD YOU THAT WASN'T WHAT I WAS DOING!!
ARGH!
TH... THIS GUY!
MMM... SHE'S A 55!
WHOA, THAT'S SO HIGH!


What the heck?!
How awful!
ARE THEY LOCALS?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
STILL, THEY'RE PRETTY NASTY...
Huh?
HEY, MS. 40! ANOTHER BEER!!
HYAHYAHYA!
NAW, BRO! PERSONALLY, I'D SAY SHE'S A 40!

OH, DON'T WORRY! WE'LL WAIT WITH HIM.
UH, SURE. BUT SHINOMIYA-KUN STILL HASN'T FINISHED EATING...
SEN-PAI! WHILE WE WAIT FOR OUR LUNCH TO SETTLE, SHALL WE GO AHEAD AND RENT A BALL?

No way! まじかよー
YUP!
Ahahaha! ハハハ
OKAY, THEN. WE'LL GO ON AHEAD.
SEE YOU IN A BIT!


CHECK OUT THE ASS ON THE CHICK WITH THE HOODIE... SO DAMN HOT!
MAAAAN!!
OH....
OH?
OHHH?
100! THEY'RE 100! BOTH GIRLS ARE SMOKIN'!
GIMME A PIECE OF THAT! ♡
Gyahaha!
WHA...
JOLT
HEY!

?!
SPLOOSH
MURMUR
WHA... WHAT THE HELL, MAN?!
SMASH
YOU WANNA GO?!
PUSH
Now, now!
EXCUSE US, GUYS...
YOU'RE FREE TO TALK ABOUT WHATEVER YOU WANT, SINCE IT'S REALLY NONE OF OUR BUSINESS.

BUT...
IF YOU MAKE A PASS AT THAT GIRL...
WE'LL KILL YOU.
You moron!
POKE
flinch
THIS GUY THINKS HE'S ALL THAT!!
HUHHH?!
WHAM!

ARE WE CLEAR?
throb throb
SHUDDER

Y...YES...
sha-shaa
OKAY! WANNA FORM TEAMS?
YEAH, LET'S!
HEY! OVER HERE!
SORRY FOR KEEPING YOU!
shhf
shhf
whisper
whisper
AH, I JUST CAN'T STAND PEOPLE LIKE THAT...
AND THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN MUTSUMI-SAN GET ANGRY...
Scary...
YEAH, I DON'T THINK THEY'LL BOTHER US ANYMORE.
THANKS FOR EARLIER.

WAS I THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T GET IT?!
THEN...
OH, SO THAT'S WHY SHE TOOK SERINUMA-SAN OUT FIRST?
Flush
N... NISHINA, TOO?
HUH?
AGAINST THESE GUYS?!
I'VE BEEN TRYING TO COMPETE ...
HOW, EXACTLY ?!

BARBECUE! BARBECUE! BARBECUE!
DROOL
SO EXCI-TED!!
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO COMPETE WITH THEM?
cricket
cricket
cricket
cricket
ARE YOU GUYS REALLY OKAY WITH THIS? WE COULD'VE ASKED THE HEAD CHEF TO TAKE CARE OF ALL THE PREP WORK!
THE BARBECUE'S GONNA BE AMAZING BECAUSE WE'RE PREPARING IT OUR-SELVES!

GLOOM
peel
peel

C'MON!
GET IT TOGETHER, MAN!
UH, NO!
I THINK I'M JUST A LITTLE TIRED.
IS SOMETHING WRONG?

I'M GONNA BECOME A GUY WHO CAN BE RELIED ON IN MY OWN WAY!!
glance

A GUY THAT SENPAI CAN RELY ON...
slither
にょろ
BOOM
HUH?!
W... WATCH OUT!!
CRASH

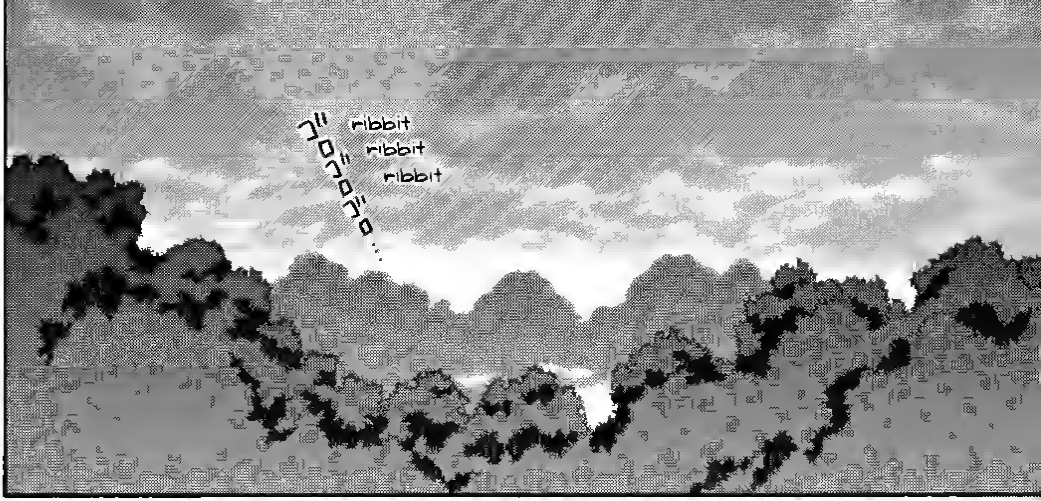
TOPPLED
AHHH!
WHAT WAS THAT SOUND JUST NOW?

NO...
NO! NO! NO! NO! YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING ?!
WE HAVE TO DO IT ALL OVER ?
I...
AW, YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS ...
I WAS ...
SIGH...
JUST...
SNAP

I...
SOB
SOB
SOB
SOB
I'LL BE GOING HOME NOW...
HUH?
DASH
HEY!
WAIIIIT!!
Hayato Shinomiya runs off!!
To be continued!
TO BE CONTINUED IN the SEPTEMBER ISSUE

#16 I WILL PROTECT HER!

Upon arriving at Nishina's family cottage to have fun, we all decided to go to the beach. In order to show Serinuma-senpai my cool side, I tried surfing for the first time! When I thought I caught a wave, I was too close to the shore and fell face first into senpai's chest (the second time)! I tried to bounce back at the barbecue, and but I ended up toppling over the barbecue ingredients when I tried to save Senpai from a snake! Dying of embarrassment, I high-tailed it outta there!
The characters are causing a commotion! What to do?!
Don't miss the last page! ♥



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I REALLY SHOULDN'T HAVE COME...
step
step
I'M NOT EVEN AN OUTDOOR-SY SORT IN THE FIRST PLACE!
step
I DON'T LIKE THE OCEAN ...
AND I PREFER SPEND-ING MY SUMMER AT HOME.
bang
THAT'S WHAT I SHOULD'VE DONE.

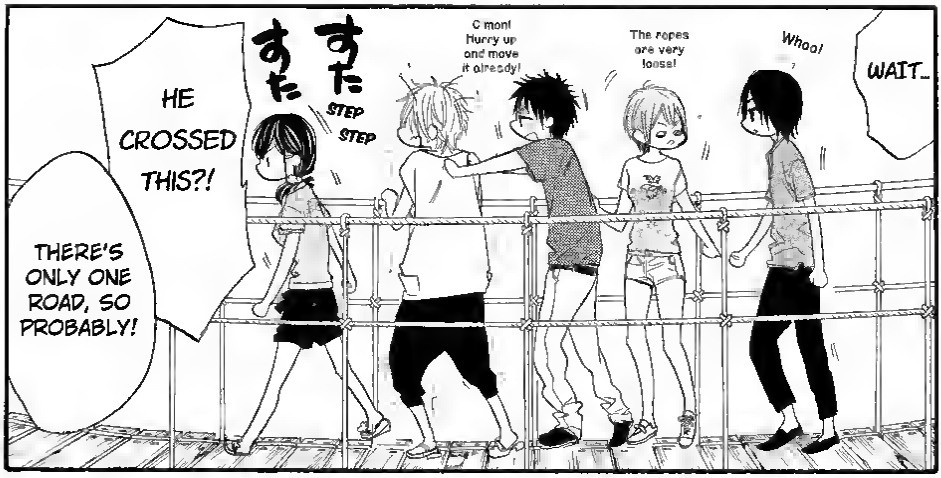
OOF!
PLOP
OW...
Hm..
get up
HAD I DONE THAT ...
I NEVER WOULD'VE FELT THIS MISER-ABLE...

WHAT DID HE SAY? HE'S GOING HOME?!
WHA...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO ?!!
YEAH.
SO...
THE WOODS.
WHY DID HE RUN THAT WAY?
MAN, HE'S DUMB!
I HAD A FAINT IDEA, BUT...
.....

ANYWAY, WE GOTTA GO AFTER HIM!!
WHA? HOLD ON!
HE'S GONNA COME BACK SOON!
He's not a kid
BUT THERE'S NO ONE AT THE TOP OF THAT MOUN-TAIN!
HE MIGHT BE IN TROUBLE ONCE IT GETS DARK.
!!
DASH
POOR SHINO-MIYA-KUN! HE HATES THE DARK!
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
AH! HEY!!
HEY, WAIT!!
DON'T GO ALONE! IT'S DANGER-OUS!!
dash
SERI-NUMA!

POOR SHINOMIYA-KUN... INDEED...
Poor guy
HEYYY!
SHINO-MIYA-KUUUN!!
MAN, THE TREES ARE SO DENSELY PACKED!
badump badump
BUT THERE'S A ROAD.
I HEARD THERE'S A HOTEL THAT CLOSED DOWN AGES AGO AROUND HERE.

CREAK
CREEEAK


すた
すた
STEP
STEP
C mon! Hurry up and move it already!
The ropes are very loose!
Whoa!
WAIT...
HE CROSSED THIS?!
THERE'S ONLY ONE ROAD, SO PROBABLY!

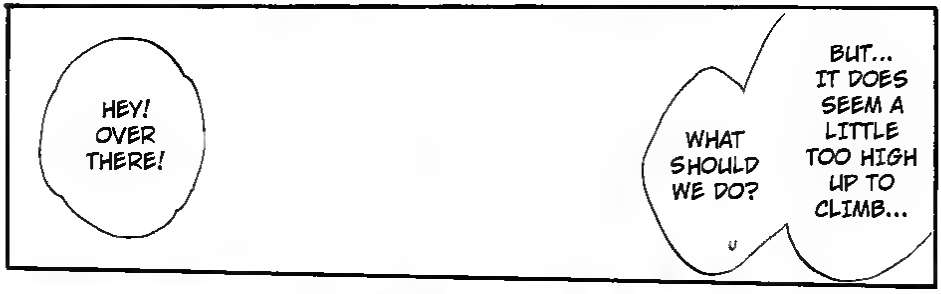
THUD
ずんずんずん
THUD
THUD
wobble
ぐら
ぐら
wobble
wobble
ぐら
wobble
LET'S HURRY !!
Whoa
IT'S GETTING DARK...

YOU CAN'T JUST STAY HERE!! WE GOTTA MOVE AHEAD!!
GET UP! YOU'RE IN THE WAY!!
NOOO!
Ahh, it's shaking!
ギャア
SHRIEK
ぐらぐら
wobble wobble
ギャア
SHRIEK
NANA ?!
rustle
NO! I CAN'T MOVE!!
turn
I'M ON THE OTHER SIDE!
ARE YOU ALL OKAY ...?!
crik crik crik
creak creak
creak creak
creak
step
SNAP

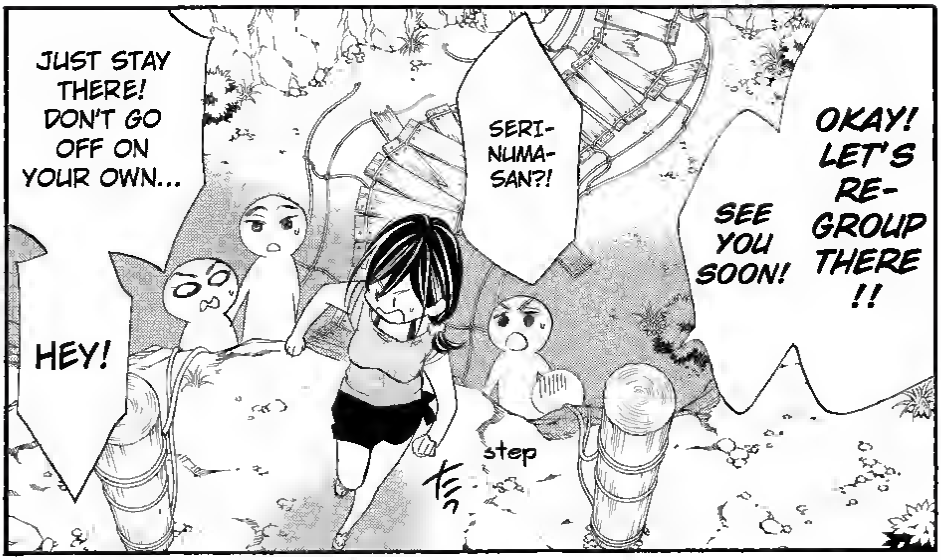
HUH?

CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
AHHH!!!
YOU GUYS!!

*It was dark, so we couldn't really see
IT WAS A SMALLER DROP THAN I THOUGHT...
THA... THANK GOD!!
Wahhh!
THE BRIDGE SURE WAS MADE TO SEEM LIKE A BIG DEAL.
WE...
WE'RE FINE...
Dead
Huh?!


HEY! OVER THERE!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
BUT... IT DOES SEEM A LITTLE TOO HIGH UP TO CLIMB...

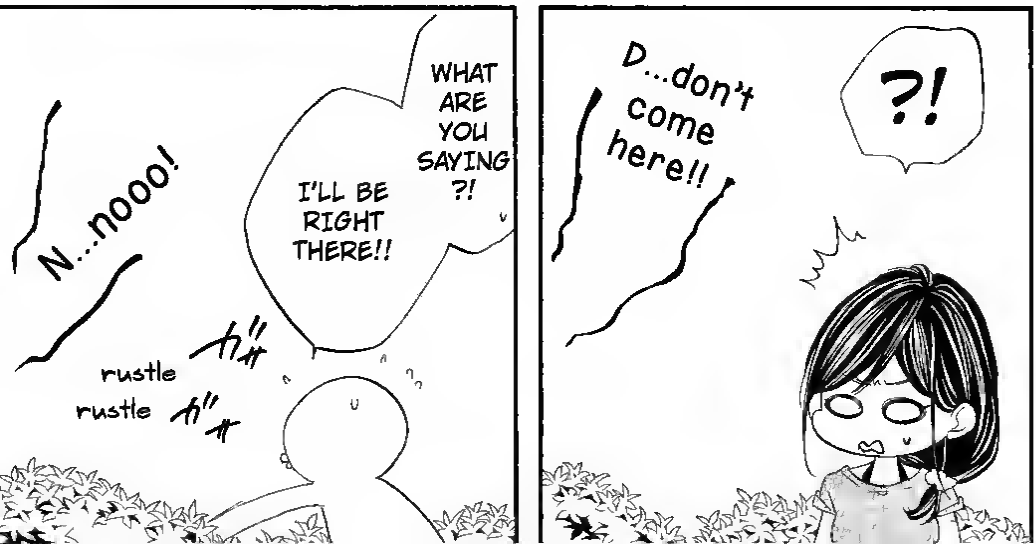
?
Kai
Us
IT MUST LEAD TO WHERE THE SPOT WHERE THE HOTEL USED TO BE!
THAT ROAD MIGHT BE A DETOUR!


JUST STAY THERE! DON'T GO OFF ON YOUR OWN...
HEY!
SERI-NUMA-SAN?!
step
OKAY! LET'S RE-GROUP THERE !!
SEE YOU SOON!

RIGHT!
LET'S GET A MOVE ON, OUR-SELVES !!
DAMMIT... DON'T RUN OFF!

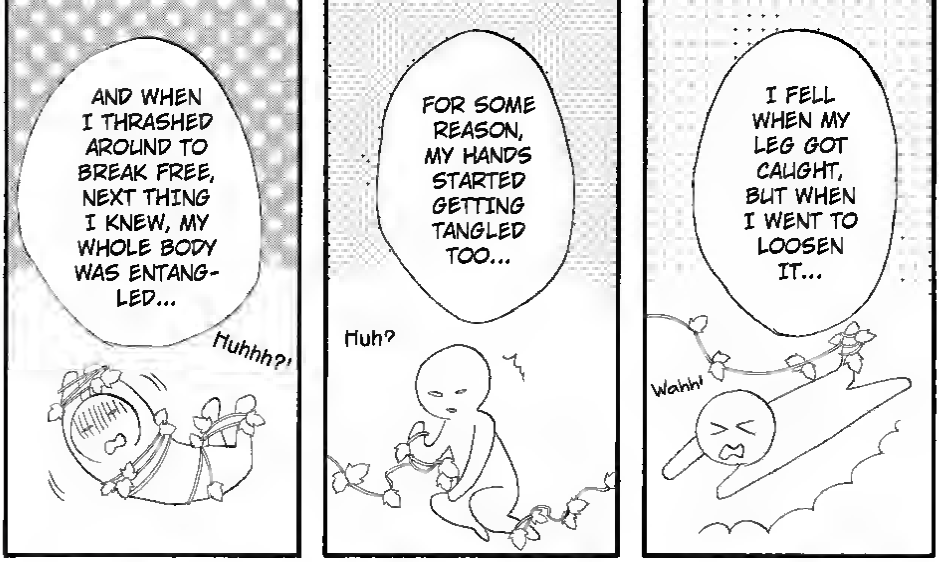
?!
HOW FAR COULD HE HAVE GONE?
EVEN IF I CATCH UP TO HIM SOON...

SHINO-MIYA-KUN?! ARE YOU THERE?!
HEYYYY!!
Help me!!
!!
SERINUMA-SENPAI?
jolt

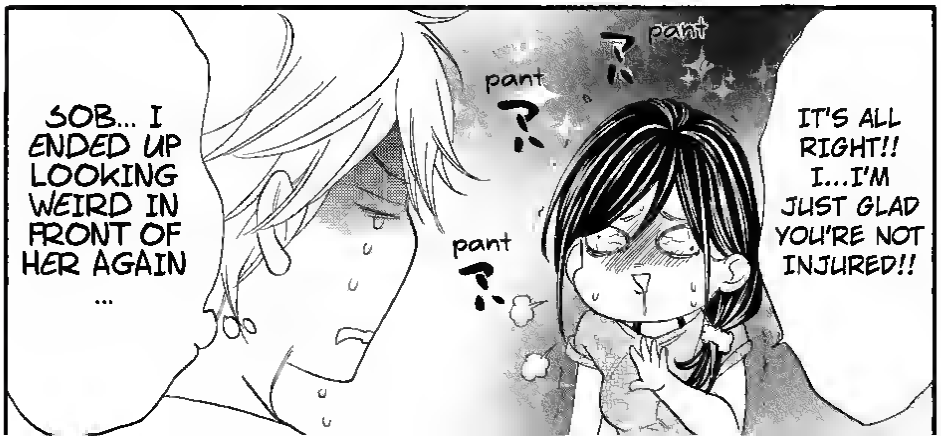

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!!
N...nooo!
rustle rustle
D...don't come here!!
?!

BAM
BAM

TENTACLES X HANDSOME BOY
D...
うぅ sob
DON'T LOOK ...!!
GASP
whimper
うぅ
whimper
SPLURT
H...HOW DID YOU END UP LIKE THIS?!
untie
untie
A...AT FIRST ...
whimper


AND WHEN I THRASHED AROUND TO BREAK FREE, NEXT THING I KNEW, MY WHOLE BODY WAS ENTANGLED...
Huhhh?!
FOR SOME REASON, MY HANDS STARTED GETTING TANGLED TOO...
Huh?
I FELL WHEN MY LEG GOT CAUGHT, BUT WHEN I WENT TO LOOSEN IT...
Wahh!

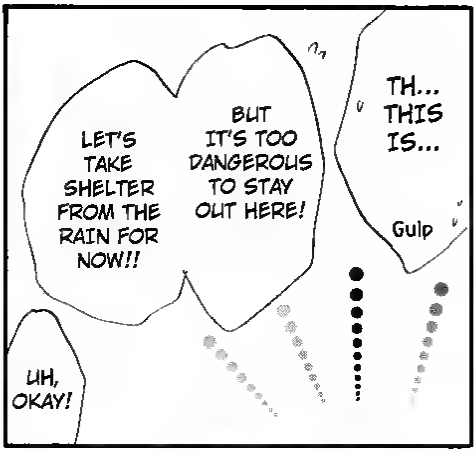
Whimper
TH... THANKS FOR HELPING ME...
WOW!
WOW!
WOW!
HE'S A KLUTZ?!


SOB... I ENDED UP LOOKING WEIRD IN FRONT OF HER AGAIN ...
pant
pant
pant
IT'S ALL RIGHT!! I...I'M JUST GLAD YOU'RE NOT INJURED!!

KABOOM
B-BUT ...
SOUND GOOD?
WE'RE GONNA MEET THEM UP AHEAD... LET'S GO!!
EVERYONE ELSE IS LOOKING FOR YOU TOO.
POUR
LET'S RUN, SHINO-MIYA-KUN!!
OKAY!
croak croak croak
IT'S RAINING ALL OF A SUDDEN ...
AHHHHH!!
rustle
AH!!
THIS IS...?!
splash
splash

CRACKLE
グランドホテル
Grand Hotel
グランドホテル
S...
SCARY!!

splish
splish
splish


TH... THIS IS...
Gulp
BUT IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO STAY OUT HERE!
LET'S TAKE SHELTER FROM THE RAIN FOR NOW!!
UH, OKAY!

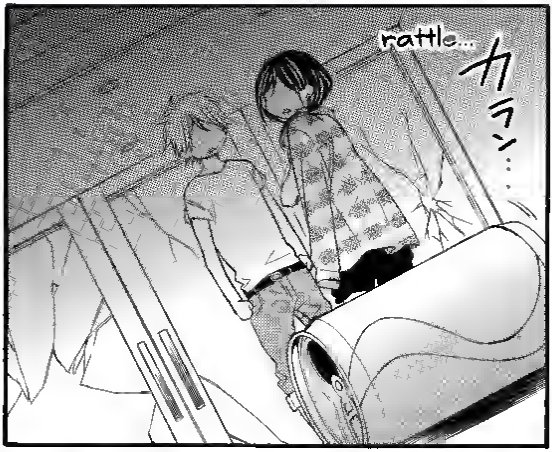
どよーん
GLOOMY
.....
.....

131
わ…
lift

I HOPE THE OTHERS ARE ALL RI—
AHH-CHOO !!

HERE... PUT THIS ON.
R-REALLY?
I'M FINE.
HUH?
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU, SHINOMIYA-KUN? AREN'T YOU COLD?
WELL, THANKS!

D... DON'T... SAY...
"THANKS."
...I'M THE REASON WE'RE IN THIS MESS, RIGHT?
'CAUSE ...
I'M A BURDEN THAT CAN'T DO ANYTHING ...
shaa
HUH ...?


rattle...
カラン…

カ rattle
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SHINO-MI...

WHY'S THERE AN EMPTY CAN HERE?!
SHUDDER
WHA ...?!
BOOM
IS...
IS SOME-ONE THERE ?!

ドン!
BANG!
ドン!
BANG!
HEEK!
THUMP
THUMP
バクバクバクバク...
THUMP
THUMP
GASP!
SOME-THING...
SOME-THING'S HERE...!!
SHIVER
*A Buddhist invocation
HEEK! NOW IT'S A CHANT!!
NAN-MAI-DAAA!*
NAN-MAI-DAAA!
CRUNCH
Heek!
OH NO! WHAT DO I DO?! WHAT DO I DO?!
THUD
Heek!

NAN-MAI-DAAA! NAN-MAI-DAAA!
NAN-MAI-DAAA! NAN-MAI-DAAA!
NAN-MAI-DAAA! NAN-MAI-DAAA!
HEEK!
IT'S YOU ?!
rub rub rub

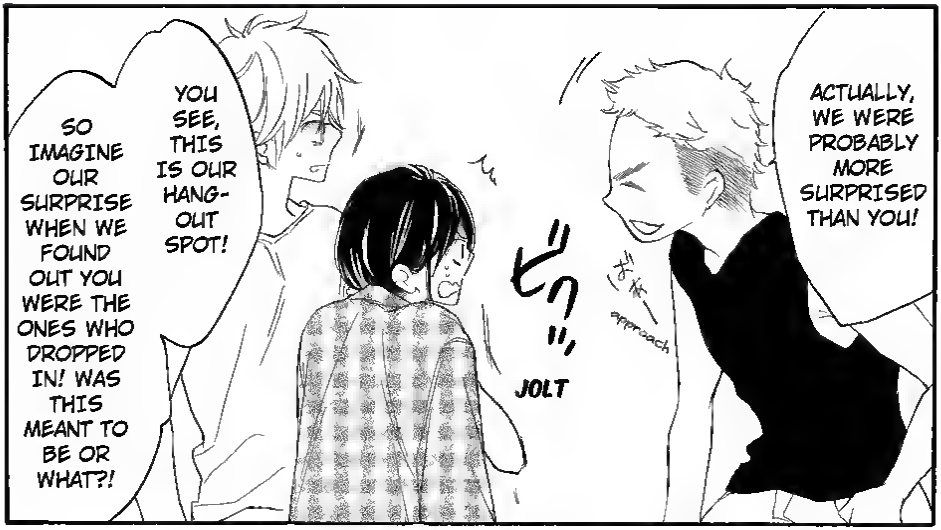
EXCITED
YOU'RE FREAKING ME OUT, SO STOP!!
I PUT MY HANDS TOGETHER IN PRAYER TO SHION EVERY DAY, SO I'LL HELP YOU ATTAIN ENLIGHTEN-MENT!!
LEAVE IT TO ME!!

gasp
?!
UH, I'M NOT!
pat
I KNOW YOU GET EASILY SCARED! THIS DOESN'T FAZE ME!!
DON'T WORRY!!

IT'S ALL RIGHT!
にっこり
smile
SHE'S TREMBL-ING...?!
IDIOT ...
IDIOT ...
gulp..
ぐ...っ
I'M A HUGE IDIOT!
HOLD

IT'S ALL RIGHT.
FORGET ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO DO ANYTHING OR NOT BEING GOOD ENOUGH!
THIS IS NO TIME TO COWER IN FEAR!
I'LL PROTECT YOU, SENPAI!!

GYA HA HA HA!!
PFFT!
OH STOP!!
THIS IS TOO MUCH!
YOU'RE S-O COOL!!
HAR HAR
HAR
YOU TWO ARE HILARIOUS!!
AHA HA HA HA!!
DID YOU HAVE FUN AT THE HAUNTED HOTEL ATTRACTION?
YAHOO! THANKS FOR THE LAUGHS EARLIER! ♡
THEY'RE THE GUYS FROM THE BEACH...!!
WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE?!
SURPRISED?


ACTUALLY, WE WERE PROBABLY MORE SURPRISED THAN YOU!
approach
JOLT
YOU SEE, THIS IS OUR HANG-OUT SPOT!
SO IMAGINE OUR SURPRISE WHEN WE FOUND OUT YOU WERE THE ONES WHO DROPPED IN! WAS THIS MEANT TO BE OR WHAT?!

AND WHAT'S MORE, THOSE TROUBLE-MAKERS YOU WERE WITH AREN'T HERE FOR SOME REASON!
IT MAKES US WANT TO MESS AROUND! ♡
AND WHAT WAS THAT YOU JUST SAID? "I'LL PROTECT YOU, SENPAI!!"

WHEN ALL YOU DID WAS HIDE BEHIND THOSE OTHER GUYS!
AREN'T YOU A TOUGH LITTLE BOY! ♡
clench
SERI-OUSLY, WHAT A JOKE!!

STOP IT!!
HUH?
...
ST...
LET ME GO...
STOP
...
IT...
quiver
quiver
THERE YOU ARE! ♡
shove
WHAT A LOSER !!
GET OUT OF MY FACE, NANCY BOY!
AHHH!
HUH?!

WHY ...
SAY THAT AGAIN, IDIOT!!
SMASH
AAAAGHHHH!!
H...
HUH?!
SENPAI, THIS WAY!!

HUH ?!
COME BACK HERE !!
FWOOSH
HEY!
crack
ゴキン☆

BOOM
crack
I THOUGHT WE TOLD YOU GUYS ...
THE NEXT TIME YOU MAKE A PASS AT HER...
WE'LL KILL YOU!

AHHHHH!
AND THAT DETOUR WAS CRAZY...
THERE WERE SNAKES, AND IT FELT LIKE THERE WAS A WILD BOAR NEAR US!
And the rain was coming down so hard, I thought we were gonna die!
BUT TO THINK IT LED TO A PUBLIC ROAD FROM THE OTHER SIDE!
YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD US, NISHINA!
I DIDN'T KNOW, HONEST!
UM, YOU GUYS ...
I'M SORRY THAT I CAUSED SO MUCH TROUBLE.
THANKS!!

IT'S COOL, MAN.
THERE'S NO POINT BEING TENSE NOW!
I...
MAY NOT BE AS STRONG AS THESE GUYS...
AND ...
I MAY NOT BE AT THE SAME LEVEL AS THEM YET...
BUT STILL ...
grip

I DON'T WANT TO LOSE HER TO ANYONE!
I WILL DO MY BEST.
Stupid!
So clumsy and cute!!
Klutz!!
Sorry, I fell.
CRUSH
Huhhh?!

APPARENTLY ...
THE DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE FUTURE!
I WONDER ...
IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING REALLY GOOD!
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?
YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY, "GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT!"
WHAT? SO PRETTY MUCH WE DON'T GET TO KNOW ANYTHING NOW?!
BIG ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT ISSUE!
The news even surprised us, and we'll tell you the very good news in full color at the beginning of next issue! YOU JUST GOTTA CHECK IT OUT!!
TO BE CONTINUED IN the OCTOBER issue
AND SO...